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All Department Of Health Agency Request Legislation Survives Cutoff

The 1999 legislative session reached its midpoint this week. Many bills did not survive the policy committee cutoffs, and many more will find it difficult to emerge from the Ways & Means and Appropriations committees by those deadlines (see the related article in this edition). The Department of Health began the session with ten agency request items. All its legislation has made it over the first hurdles of the session. Here is a listing of the bills and their status:

Secretary's authority to establish uniform administrative licensing procedures: SB 5200 is now in the Senate Rules Committee; and HB 1216 is in House Rules.

Clean up of contaminated properties: SB 5106 is in Senate Rules; and SHB 1163 is in House Rules.

Definition of public water system: SB 5105 in Senate Rules; HB 1164 has passed the House, and is in the Senate Environmental Quality and Water Resource Committee.

Birth defects registry: SB 5240 has passed the Senate and is in the House Health Care Committee.

Hospital public disclosure: SSB 5540 is in Senate Rules; HB 1711 is in House Rules.

Revising tuberculosis statute: SSB 5199 is on 2nd reading in the Senate; SHB 1371 is in House Rules.

Nurse delegation: SHB 1218 is in House Rules.

Center for Health Statistics fee increase: SSB 5201 passed out of Senate Ways and Means this week and is now in Senate Rules.

Newborn screening fee: SSB 5141 passed out of Senate Ways and Means this week and is now in Senate Rules.

Licensed psychologists working in exempt settings: HB 1734 is in House Rules.

Information on any of these issues can be obtained by calling the Department of Health Office of Legislative and Constituent Relations, (360) 236-4042. §

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First Cutoff Date Of The Session Reduces Number Of Bills Before The Legislature

The 1999 legislative session passed its first major milestone this week. All bills, except budgets, were required to be reported out of House committees (except fiscal committees) by Tuesday, March 2, and out of Senate committees, (except Senate Ways and Means and Transportation committees), by Wednesday March 3. That policy committee cutoff is one of the series of deadlines agreed to earlier in the session in House Concurrent Resolution 4404.

A check of the Legislature's bill status report indicates that 1,258 bills have been introduced in the House, and 1,071 bills have been introduced in the Senate. That number does not include the various resolutions, joint memorials, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions that have also been introduced. The policy committee cutoff, which applies to memorials and joint resolutions as well as bills, will dramatically reduce the amount of legislation still technically before the legislature for its consideration.

Significant public health and health care issues survived the cutoff. All ten items of the Department's agency request legislation remain alive and on course for enactment. Two of the measures have passed out of the house of origin. Bills involving new fees for newborn screening

and vital records also cleared the Senate Ways and Means Committee this week. (See the article on Department legislation in this edition.) SSB 5289, the Governor's water bill, has passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality and Water Resources Committee, as have all six biomedical waste bills that were before the committee. Tobacco legislation to implement the tobacco settlement and limit youth access has also cleared committee. Patient bill of rights legislation died in the House Health Care Committee, but SSB 5587 was voted out of the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee.

The next major deadlines are approaching rapidly. Bills must be reported out of fiscal committees (and Senate Transportation) by Monday, March 8. Bills must pass in the house of origin by Wednesday March 17.

Of course, bills that don't meet the deadlines are not necessarily "dead." For example, budgets and bills deemed to be "necessary to implement budgets" may be considered after deadlines have passed. An unsuccessful bill's provisions may be amended onto another bill, provided of course that the new language fits into the bill's title. And, if not passed this session, a bill that's been introduced this session can still be considered when the 2000 legislative session convenes just ten months from now. §

Legislative Cut Off Dates

March 2, 1999: Policy cutoff for the House.

March 3, 1999: Policy cutoff for the Senate.

March 8, 1999: Fiscal cutoff for both houses.

March 17, 1999, 5:00 p.m.: Final consideration for the house of origin.

April 2, 1999: Policy cutoff for the opposite house.

April 5, 1999: Fiscal cutoff for the opposite house.

April 16, 1999, 5:00 p.m.: Final consideration for the opposite house.

April 25, 1999: Sine Die. §

Hepatitis A Vaccine Discussed In House Health Care Committee

Recently, a Centers for Disease Control advisory panel recommended routine Hepatitis A vaccinations for children in Washington and ten other states. The committee's recommendation was targeted toward the 11 states with the highest Hepatitis A rates.

Subsequently, HB 2199 was introduced and was heard in the House Health Care committee on March 2. The bill would require the Department of Health to institute a Hepatitis A program when federal moneys became available.

Acting Secretary Mary Selecky and Acting Health Officer Maxine Hayes, MD testified at the hearing. In the discussions before the committee, the following points were raised regarding Washington's vaccine program:

- Washington has a Vaccine Advisory Committee, which reviews and prioritizes the addition of vaccines to the list of those that are mandatory. The committee is scheduled to meet in May and will be discussing vaccines both Hepatitis A as well as Rotavirus. The committee makes recommendations to the Department on what vaccines should be requested, based upon research and needs of Washington citizens.
- The Federal Vaccine for Children Program will only fund vaccination of 48% of the state's children. Should vaccination for Hepatitis A be mandated, the remaining 52% of the necessary funding would need to be covered through State General Fund.
- Hepatitis A vaccine is already available to high-risk children in our state.
- Legislation is not necessary for the Department to obtain federal funding, should it become available.

The committee also heard from the representatives of the drug manufacturer and concerned parents who are opposed to adding additional vaccines. No action was taken on HB 2199, and it was not voted out of committee by the March 2 deadline. §

LEGISLATIVE INTERNET LINKS

Legislative information can be accessed via the internet. The following are a few links that may be of interest:

Legislative Update Newsletter

http://www.doh.wa.gov/publicat/98_legup.htm

Legislative Information

WWW - <http://www.leg.wa.gov>

Gopher - <gopher.leg.wa.gov>

FTP - <ftp.leg.wa.gov>

Email - ftpmail@leg.wa.gov

Washington State House of Representatives

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/house/members/housepg.htm>

Washington State Senate

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/senate.htm>

Washington State Governor's Home Page

<http://www.wa.gov/governor>

TW indicates that TW tentatively plans to televise either LIVE or on a tape delayed basis. For additional information on TW scheduling or availability, please call TW at (360) 586-5555, or visit the TW web site at: www.tw.org

Meeting Schedule

Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee

Senate Hearing Room 4

Monday 1:30 - 3:30

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30

Thursday 1:30 - 3:30

House Health Care Committee

House Hearing Room C

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30

Thursday 8:00 - 10:00

Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 §

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Bill watch this week includes only those bills that were reported out of policy committees by the March 3 cut-off date

Data and Confidentiality

HB 1372/SB 5240: Birth Defects Surveillance

Repeals the Handicapped Children's Registry statute. **House Passed 3rd R/House Health Care.**

HB 2015: Year 2000 Date Change Liability

Provides that the state is severally, not jointly, liable for damages arising from the year 2000 problem. Immunizes the state from the first \$100 of liability per claimant arising from the year 2000 problem. **House Rules.**

SSB 5201: Vital Statistic Record Fees

The fees that the Department of Health and local registrars charge for copies of records and for searches of records are raised by \$2. Of that amount, the local registrar must submit to the State Treasurer for each copy or search \$1. The additional \$1 submitted to the State Treasurer must then be transferred to the Department of Health. These provisions relating to the establishment of fees expire on July 1, 2001. Authorizes the State Board of Health to set fees for copying and searching services after July 1, 2001, according to its rulemaking authority and criteria established in this act. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5482: Medical Research Records

An exception is stated to the Driver's Privacy Protection Act for information currently available under the public disclosure laws. An exception to the federal law is required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Information accessible under public disclosure may be released to health research organizations recognized by an institutional review board. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5793: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Increases the protection of confidential information related to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 6035: Year 2000 Citizen's Protection

Declares that a person may be held harmless to any claim or action brought against the person if he or she establishes that the default, failure to pay, breach, omission,

or other violation that is the basis of the claim against him or her was caused, in whole or in part, by a year 2000 (Y2K) failure associated with an electronic computing device, and, if it were not for the Y2K failure, the person would have been able to satisfy the obligations that are the basis of the claim. **Senate Rules.**

Disease Prevention and Control

HB 1080: Infectious Disease Testing

Provides infectious disease testing at no cost to good Samaritans for infectious diseases after rendering emergency assistance that has brought them into contact with a bodily fluid. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SHB 1371/SSB 5199: Tuberculosis Control

Revises provisions relating to reporting, treatment, and payment for treatment of tuberculosis. Repeals obsolete sections of tuberculosis statutes. **House 2nd Reading Suspension Calendar/ House Health Care.**

HB 1672: Hepatitis C Management

Requires the Department of Corrections to submit to the legislature, by December 15, 1999, a report on how the department manages hepatitis C in the inmate population, and to make recommendations on how to improve that management. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5172: HIV Testing of Offenders

Requires that local health jurisdictions conduct, or cause to be conducted, pretest counseling, HIV testing, and posttest counseling of all persons who are offenders, or arrested or detained persons, and who have subjected a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, health care provider, health care facility staff person, Department of Corrections staff person, jail staff person, or other category of employee, as determined by the board, to substantial exposure to their bodily fluids. Persons tested under this provision shall also be tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C. Provides that any employee who has experienced a substantial exposure to the bodily fluids of an offender, arrested person, or detained person may seek the consent of the person to whose bodily fluids he or she was exposed for HIV and hepatitis testing. If the person consents to be tested, he or she shall consent to disclosure of the results of the test by the public health official to the person exposed by the fluids and as otherwise required by law. Declares that, if the person does not consent to testing or is released prior to a request for consent, the officer or identified employee may petition the court to

order the local health department to conduct or cause to be conducted pretest counseling, testing for HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C, and posttest counseling for the person to whose bodily fluids they were substantially exposed, within 48 hours after exposure. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5880: Needle Stick Protections

Requires each employer to conduct product evaluations of needleless systems and sharps. Product evaluations should include devices used in the employer's facility where there is a sharps injury risk. **Senate Ways & Means.**

Environmental Health

SHB 1054/SB 5125: Pesticide Registration Commission

Appropriations made to Washington State University may now expressly be used for evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the Commission for such Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and pesticide resistance management programs. An official action may now be taken by the Commission by a majority vote of its quorum, rather than a majority vote of the voting members. This bill is a part of the Washington State University's Safe Food Initiative. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1163/SB 5106: Illegal Drug Manufacture

Finds that the contamination of properties used for illegal drug manufacturing poses a threat to public health. The toxic chemicals left behind by the illegal drug manufacturing must be cleaned up to prevent harm to subsequent occupants of the properties. Declares an intent that properties are decontaminated in a manner that is efficient, prompt, and that makes them safe to reoccupy. **House 2nd Reading Suspension Calendar/Senate Rules.**

HB 1164/SB 5105: Public Water System Definition

Revises the definition of public water system to include systems providing water through constructed conveyances, in conformance with federal law. **Senate Environment Quality & Water Resources/Senate Rules.**

HB 1310: PUD Authority

Revises provisions relating to the authority of a public utility district to furnish water to persons outside of the district and the county where the district is located, and to establish local utility districts for water or sewer facilities outside of a district and the county where it is located. **House 2nd Reading Suspension Calendar.**

HB 1432: Dairy Commission

Authorizes the Dairy Commission to participate in federal and state regulatory activities and expend funds when such activities affect the production, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of dairy products, and educate the dairy industry on such matters. **House Rules.**

SHB 1468: Water Supply Adequacy

Directs the Department of Ecology to provide information regarding the adequacy of water supplies to meet the demands of projected growth. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 1517: Municipal Water Supply

Declares "municipal water supply purposes" means the use of water to satisfy the needs of a city, a town, a public utility district, a water-sewer district, or a Group A public water system. **House Rules.**

SHB 1563: Safe Foods Initiative

Establishes the Safe Foods Initiative at Washington State University to promote safe food products for domestic and global markets; to protect food crops from devastating pests; and to create high-quality, economically viable, safe food production systems. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1642: Surface Water Permits & Rights

Allows water permit holders to change the point of water diversion for an undeveloped portion of an existing water right permit from an existing authorized diversion point, downstream to an existing intake structure, if there is no change in ownership of the permit or the original purpose and place of use of the water. **House 2nd Reading Suspension Calendar.**

SHB 1957: Water Right Transfer/Change

Allows applications for change, transfer or amendments of ground water rights to have higher priority than applications for new water rights. **House Rules.**

SHB 2079: Salmon Recovery

Authorizes a plan for salmon recovery in Washington State. **House Rules.**

SHB 2091: Salmon & Water/Forest Practices

Promotes salmon and water quality enhancement in areas impacted by forest practices. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 2095: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to registration fees, stop sale and use, seizure, and disposal of commercial fertilizer. **House Rules.**

SHB 2098: Wastewater Treatment Systems

Regulates designers of on-site wastewater treatment systems by creation of a state program. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 2099: Water Right Relinquishment

Allows an exemption from relinquishment of a water right for non-use resulting from the operation or pendency of legal proceedings. **House Rules.**

SSB 5059: Radioactive Waste Transport

Authorizes counties to assess impact fees to cover the costs associated with the transport of radioactive waste over their roadways. **Senate Rules**

SSB 5067: Uranium and Thorium Mills

Prohibits DOH from approving a license or the renewal of a license for a uranium or thorium mine, mill, or tailing facility, if the license is based on a reclamation, closure, or decommissioning that involves the receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal of radioactive materials, including uranium or thorium mill tailings and byproduct material, at a licensed site or proposed licensed site except where the radioactive materials proposed for receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal is produced at a mine associated with, and under the same operator or ownership as, the licensed site or proposed licensed site. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5082: Biomedical Waste Inactivation

Declares, beginning January 1, 2001, medical wastes with a biosafety hazard class of 3 or 4 that are infectious to humans and generated at microbiological laboratories must be treated to accomplish microbial inactivation before being transported from the facility. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5083: Biomedical Waste Disposal

Provides \$100,000 to the University of Washington School of Public Affairs to conduct a study in consultation with DOH to evaluate the relative risks posed by different methods of treatment and disposal of biomedical waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SSB 5107: Puget Sound Action Team

Revises the membership of the Puget Sound action team and the interagency advisory council. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5190: Lakes Management

Creates lake management service areas to provide lake management services and facilities. Creates an aquatic plant management permit program, to coordinate, timely and predictable permit processes that will assist property owners and local governments in controlling aquatic plants. Directs DOE to establish and administer a demonstration project for the control of Eurasian water milfoil, for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the pesticide 2,4-D at eradicating early infestations. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5228: Noise Health Effects Study

Authorizes a comprehensive review of current federal research studies on the health effects of noise. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5289: Water Resource Management.

Instream flows for areas with listed species are adopted. Conservation programs and measurement of diversion/withdrawal is mandatory in areas with listed fish species, urban growth areas, and public water systems. Reclaimed water is considered a potential new source of water and replacement for non-potable water, where feasible, in areas with listed species and urban growth areas. A system of incremental certification is established for municipal water systems. Schedules are established for incorporating new guidelines into shoreline master programs. Water law and water resource allocation and management are addressed by Attorney General reports, a Legislative Water Resource Management Task Force, and a water resource management system for agriculture. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5433: Biomedical Waste Disposal

Requires the inclusion of a program for the safe handling, transport, and disposal of biomedical waste. The program shall specify how biomedical waste will be segregated from other solid waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SSB 5435: Environment 21 Commission

Creates the Washington Environment 21 Commission. Directs the Commission to develop recommendations for legislative and executive consideration and implementation that will increase the reliance upon environmental strategies that emphasize market incentives, pollution prevention, public education, and technical assistance; reduce inefficiency by all levels of government;

achieve greater consistency among the goals, standards, and objectives of existing environmental quality statutes; build upon the recommendations of the land use study commission; ensure that the relative priority of environmental threats to the state is a central consideration in the development of state operating and capital budgets for environmental programs; achieve a uniform, consistent, and high-quality periodic assessment of the state's environmental quality, improve monitoring and data management relating to environmental quality, and establish a system to assess state-wide environmental trends over time to assist in developing policies and budgets; and reduce or eliminate environmental programs or activities that do not provide a substantial contribution to maintaining the state's environmental quality. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5595: Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Establishes the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, which will be responsible for making grants and loans for salmon recovery projects. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5597: Airborne/Waterborne Pathogens

Requires that airborne and waterborne pathogen risks be reduced by application of occupational health standards for airborne and waterborne pathogens that are comparable to those developed to protect workers from bloodborne pathogens. The Department of Labor & Industries, in consultation with DOH, shall develop and adopt occupational health standards for biological agents that protect workers from airborne and waterborne pathogens. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5682: Mobile Home Park Septic System

Authorizes local governments to require that septic systems be removed from mobile home parks in areas designated as having a critical recharging effect for an aquifer that is the primary drinking water source for a city of over 150,000 population. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5800: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to unlawful commercial fertilizers. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5803: Dairy Nutrient Management

Directs the Department of Ecology to publish a guide to all registered dairy farms in the state regarding dairy nutrient management. Creates a Dairy Nutrient Management Task Force, which will make recommendations on dairy nutrient management. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5821: On-Site Wastewater Treatment

Establishes a state-wide licensing program for persons who design on-site wastewater treatment systems. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5866: Fertilizer Registration

Eliminates component registration of fertilizer products. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5885: Wastewater Treatment Plants

Establishes a certification program for operators of wastewater treatment plants. **Senate Ways & Means.**

Families and Children

SHB 1058/SSB 5296: Juvenile Violence Deterrence

Develops a grant program to fund research-based prevention and early intervention programs targeting youth and their families when the youth has not yet entered the juvenile justice system. Makes an appropriation of five million dollars. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1244: Family Services

Provides \$1,962,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$1,963,000 for fiscal year 2001 to operate the Family Policy Council and the Community Public Health and Safety networks. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 1362: Friendly Parent Presumption

Revises laws relating to residential provisions of permanent parenting plans. **House Rule Review.**

SHB 1530/SSB 5547: School Medical Assistance

Allows school district employees, not licensed as nurses or nursing assistants, to file a written letter of refusal to administer oral medications or refusal to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students. This may not serve as grounds for employee dismissal or termination of employment. **House Appropriations/Senate Rules.**

SHB 1546: In-Home Care Services

Revises provisions related to long-term care of adults. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 1590: Contraceptive Health Benefits

Assures an individual or group health insurance plan may not exclude or restrict an enrollee's access to FDA-approved prescription contraceptives or outpatient contraceptive services, if the health plan provides benefits for prescription drugs or outpatient health services. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 1620: Vulnerable Adult Protection

Provides DSHS and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults. Provides protective services and legal remedies to protect them. **House Rules.**

SHB 1650: Oral Medications at Schools

Expands the list of health professionals who may request to have school employees administer oral medications to students. **House Rules Consideration.**

HB 1659/SSB 5465: Family Planning Services

Authorizes DSHS to, upon receipt of approval from the federal Health Care Financing Administration, to implement a waiver under section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act to provide family planning services to persons with family incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

SHB 1733: Residential Day Care Location

Prohibits any city, town, or county from restricting or prohibiting the use of a residential dwelling, located in an area zoned for residential or commercial use, as a family day-care provider's facility serving 12 or fewer children. **House Rules.**

SHB 1837/SSB 5766: Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Requires the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to increase the number of trained volunteer long-term care ombudsmen available to residents living in these settings. Appropriates funds from the general fund to the Dept. of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for distribution state-wide to the regional offices of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

SHB 1855: Breastfeeding

Declares that the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure. Requires that, except where reasonable safety or security considerations require other options, an employer must make reasonable efforts to

provide a convenient, sanitary, safe, private, and comfortable room or other location, in close proximity to the work area, other than a restroom, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1892/SB 5854: Hunger Survey

Directs DOH to administer and coordinate a hunger survey project. The project shall determine the prevalence of hunger in the total population and among low-income families; the characteristics of hungry families and the extent to which anti-hunger resources are or are not addressing their needs; and the ways hungry families attempt to cope with food shortages and the lessons their efforts provide in making services more effective. **House Children & Family Services/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 2145: Autism Services

Appropriates \$227,000 to DSHS to create an alternative service delivery project for families with an autistic child. **House Appropriations.**

SB 5131: Day Care Liability Insurance

Requires every licensed child day-care center and family day-care provider to provide to the department proof that the licensee has day-care insurance as defined in RCW 48.88.020 or for day-care centers, is self-insured pursuant to chapter 48.90 RCW. Liability limits under this section shall be the same as set forth in RCW 48.88.050. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5132: Child Care Service Information

Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to prominently post their license, notice of any pending enforcement action, notice that inspection reports and any notices of enforcement actions for the previous three years are available from the licensee and the department, and any other information required by DSHS. Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to have readily available for review by DSHS, parents, and the public a copy of each inspection report and notice of enforcement action received by the center or provider from the department for the past three years. Directs DSHS to place a child day-care center or family day-care provider on non-referral status or stop placement status if the center or provider has failed or refused to comply with chapter 74.15 RCW or rules adopted under that chapter and an enforcement action has been taken. Directs DSHS to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for communication of information regarding child day-care centers and family day-care providers. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5141: Newborn Screening Service Fee

Allows DOH to collect an additional fee for supplying services under the state's infant screening program. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5277: Higher Education Student Child Care

Allows the Higher Education Coordinating Board to award, on a competitive basis, child care grants to state institutions of higher education to encourage programs to address the need for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher education institutions. Provides that the higher education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges shall administer the programs. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5293: Family Leave

Revises provisions relating to family leave. Allows persons working 10 hours weekly to apply for family and medical leave. Requires employers of 50 or more persons to comply with this act. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5295: Breastfeeding

Declares the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure. Allows that, except where reasonable safety or security considerations require other options, an employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a convenient, sanitary, safe, private, and comfortable room or other location, in close proximity to the work area, other than a restroom, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5430: Women's Health Advisory Committee

The Women's Health Advisory Committee is created. The committee is composed of ten members to be appointed by the Governor. The committee is instructed to advise the Department of Health in the development and coordination of policies and programs relating to women's health. \$10,000 is appropriated for the committee for each of the next two years. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5480: Drug-Affected Infants

Requires a woman's primary health care provider to identify and screen pregnant and lactating women according to the criteria developed by DOH, convey to the infant's primary health care provider screening findings that would suggest the need for testing of the infant, or conduct the testing, inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive that she can have a tubal ligation at no cost to her within six months following the birth, and inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive

of appropriate drug treatment and birth control services. Requires the health care provider of a newborn infant to test any infant the provider reasonably believes is drug-affected and notify DSHS of the name and address of the parent or parents of a drug-affected infant. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5561: Vulnerable Adult Protection

Provides DSHS and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults. Provides protective services and legal remedies to protect them. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5590: Oral Medications at Schools

Expands the list of health professionals who may request to have school employees administer oral medications to students. Declares that a school employee who administers oral medication to a student and is in substantial compliance with the prescription of the student's licensed health professional who is prescribing within the scope of the professional's prescriptive authority or the written instructions provided with the medication, then the employee, the employee's school district or school of employment, and the members of the governing board and chief administrator shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the administration of the medication. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5772: Domestic Violence Victims Records

Strengthens the confidentiality of records for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5828: Gift of Life Award

The Washington Gift of Life award to recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs is created. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5864: Long-Term Care Residents

Allows a health maintenance organization to return an individual to his or her nursing care facility. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5898: Hepatitis A Immunizations/Tax

Provides a tax credit for employers that pay for employee hepatitis A immunizations. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5930: Maternity Care/At-Risk Mother

Expands maternity care for at-risk mothers and their children up to age three under the Medicaid and Social Security Program. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 6020: Social Security Numbers

Delays implementation of the requirement to record social security numbers on license applications to assist in child support enforcement. **Senate Rules.**

Fiscal

HB 1165/SB 5182: Capital Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1167/SB 5183: Capital Budget/ Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1186/SB 5180: Operating Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for the operations of state agencies for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1187: Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1640: Community Health Clinics/Tax

Provides tax exemptions for community health clinics. **House Finance.**

HB 1922: Employer Provided Child Care

Provides tax credits to small businesses, located in distressed areas, that provide employee child care benefits to their employees. **House Finance.**

SSB 5181 Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

SB 5250: Women's Health Programs

Authorizes the secretary to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities as are available for the purpose of designing and implementing programs that specifically address the health-related needs of women. **Senate Rules Eligible 2nd Reading.**

SB 5755: Emergency Medical Service Funds

Declares that all tobacco settlement funds will be used for emergency medical services throughout the state. **Senate Ways & Means.**

Injury Prevention

SHB 1181: Domestic Violence Perpetrator

Requires if a domestic violence perpetrator or the victim has a minor child, treatment must specifically include education regarding the effects of domestic violence on children, such as the emotional impacts of domestic violence on children and the long-term consequences that exposure to incidents of domestic violence may have on children, and parenting skills to help the perpetrator control the events or behavior that lead to incidents of domestic violence. The court may, as part of any term of community supervision, order the offender to participate in an approved domestic violence perpetrator program. **Senate Judiciary.**

HB 1196: Concealed Pistol Permits

Allows concealed weapons permits issued in other states and territories to remain valid within Washington. **House Rules.**

HB 1223/SB 5287: Motorcycle Equipment

Removes the current requirement that motorcycle riders wear an approved safety helmet, unless the rider is under twenty-one years of age. Revises other motorcycle equipment laws. **House Transportation/Senate Transportation.**

HB 1352: Concealed Pistol Licenses

Declares "good cause" for a temporary emergency license includes, but is not limited to, when the applicant has obtained a valid no-contact order, anti-harassment order, or protection order restraining another person from molesting or disturbing the applicant or excluding another person from going onto the grounds of or entering the home, workplace, or school of the applicant and has sworn by affidavit that it is not unlawful for the applicant to possess a firearm. **House 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1391: Concealed Pistol Permits

Declares a license from another jurisdiction is valid only if the license is currently valid in that jurisdiction; and the Department of Licensing, after consultation with the Washington State Patrol, has adopted a rule identifying the jurisdiction as one that has restrictions that are at least as restrictive as those in Washington and recognizes Washington State concealed pistol licenses as valid in that state or will recognize Washington licenses upon the department's identification of the jurisdiction. **House Rules.**

HB 1452: Cancer Screening for Low-Income Women

Provides a \$1,000,000 annual appropriation for the screening of low-income women aged 40-49 for breast and cervical cancer. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1552/SB 5570: Vehicular Assault

Declares a person guilty of vehicular assault if he operates or drives any vehicle with disregard for the safety of others, and this conduct causes serious bodily injury to another. **House Appropriations/Senate Rules.**

HB 1555/SSB 5573: Criminal History Records

Declares criminal justice agencies may furnish certain criminal records to other agencies. This provision of information is not considered a dissemination of criminal records. **House Rules /Senate Rules.**

HB 1757: Inmate DNA Testing

Requires that juveniles and adults who are convicted of violent or sexual offenses submit blood samples for DNA testing. Intends that all health care providers assist interested parents in obtaining blood samples for DNA testing for safekeeping by the parent. This will enable parents to better assist law enforcement in finding and identifying a child in the unfortunate event of a child's disappearance or abduction, and in identifying children who may be victims in accidents or natural disasters. **House Rules.**

HB 2011: Brain Injury Trust Fund

Imposes a \$1 surcharge on a new or renewed driver's license, and on a new motorcycle endorsement. Creates the Brain Injury Trust Fund to provide services to persons disabled by traumatic brain injuries with funds collected by the surcharge. **House Transportation.**

HB 2046: Brain Injury Trust Fund

Imposes a \$100 fine on persons who are convicted of certain crimes. The fines collected will be deposited in the Brain Injury Trust Fund, for the purpose of providing services to persons disabled by traumatic brain injuries. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5094: Personal Flotation Devices

Requires that a child 12 years old and under, while aboard a vessel under 19 feet in length on the waters of this state, must wear a U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while the vessel is underway, with limited exceptions. **House Natural Resources.**

SSB 5554: Community/Technical College Board Duties

Authorizes community and technical colleges boards of trustees to adopt rules regarding weapons on district-owned or maintained property. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5824: Children on Motorcycles

Enhances safety for children transported on motorcycles or a motor-driven cycle. **Senate Transportation.**

Insurance

HB 1889: General Anesthesia Services

Requires that each public employee benefit plan that offers coverage for hospital, medical, or ambulatory surgery center services, to cover hospital and general anesthesia services in conjunction with dental procedures in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center if the covered person: is under the age of 7 and the required procedure cannot be safely and effectively performed in a dental office; is physically or developmentally disabled and cannot be safely and effectively treated in a dental office; or has at least one medical condition that would create an undue medical risk if treatment is not performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center; such treatment must be approved by the patient's physician. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5111: Genetic Information/Health Insurance

Declares a health carrier may not deny or cancel health plan coverage, or vary the premiums, terms, or conditions for health plan coverage, for an individual or a family member of an individual, on the basis of genetic information, or because the individual or family member of an individual has requested or received genetic services. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5112: Mastectomies/Health Insurance

Requires every health carrier and every state purchased health care plan that provides coverage for mastectomies to permit the attending provider, in consultation with the patient, to make decisions on the length of inpatient stay after a mastectomy. These decisions must be based on accepted medical practice. **House Health Care.**

SSB 5349: Cranial Hair Insurance

Requires insurance coverage for cranial hair prostheses for alopecia areata. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5355: Medicare Replacement Policies

Requires issuer of Medicare supplement insurance policies to cover both Medicare hospital and physician services without evidence of insurability, for people who are eligible because of age, disability, or end-stage renal disease, if the Medicare supplement policy replaces a similar policy or certificate. Insurers may set rates only on a community-rated basis, and may develop no more than two rating pools. **House Health Care.**

SSB 5398: Eating Disorder Health Insurance

Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the treatment of eating disorders. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5416: Children's Health Insurance

Creates the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health care to children who are eligible for health care coverage under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5425: Mental Health Services

Requires that health insurance plans provide coverage for mental health services, and do so under the same terms and conditions as coverage for medical and surgical services, imposing treatment limitations or financial requirements on one only if the same limitations or requirements are imposed on the other. An insurer's use of preauthorization screening or a medical necessity standard with regard to mental health services is explicitly not prohibited. This requirement applies to public employee health plans and the subsidized Basic Health Plan. It also applies to private plans for groups of more than 50 persons issued or renewed after January 1, 2001, and to private plans for groups of 50 or less issued or renewed after January 1, 2002. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5445: Mandated Benefit Bill Review

Gives discretion to the chair of an appropriate committee of the Legislature to determine if it is in the public interest to review any mandated benefit bill that has been referred to the committee. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5512: Contraceptive Insurance Coverage

Attempts to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and ensure access to contraceptive services in health plans that cover prescription drugs and outpatient health services. Provides an exemption from the bill for those who object to contraceptives for reason of conscience or religion. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5587: Patient Bill of Rights

Declares health plan patients have: sufficient and timely access to clinically and culturally appropriate health care services to maintain and improve health; adequate choice among qualified health care professionals; are assured that health care decisions are made by appropriate medical personnel based upon sound medical standards; improved access to information regarding their health plans; access to a quick and impartial process for appealing denials of health care coverage; are protected from unnecessary invasions of health care privacy; are assured that personal health care information will be used only as necessary to obtain and pay for health care or to improve the quality of care; and are protected from unfair and deceptive practices. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5588: Health Carrier Advertising

Prohibits a health carrier from engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices, such as placing advertisements that are false, inaccurate, or misleading. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5607: Retired/Disabled Health Insurance

Requires a county, municipality, or other political subdivision that has a health insurance plan for its employees to permit retired and disabled employees and their dependents to continue participation in the plan, subject to certain exceptions. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5812: Health Care Claim Payment

Requires medical insurers to pay health care claims promptly. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5813: Health Plan Medical Director

Requires third-party payors to designate a licensed medical director for its coverage decisions. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5833: Health Care Service Decisions

Regulates health care service decisions to prevent inappropriate medical treatment delays or denials. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5848: Basic Health Plan Coverage

Intends that the Basic Health Plan administrator develop alternative purchasing strategies to ensure access to basic health plan enrollees in all areas of the state, with an emphasis on rural and underserved areas. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5870: Pharmacy Service Coverage

Requires coverage of pharmacy services by disability insurers. **Senate Ways & Means.**

Professional/Facilities Licensing

SHB 1113/SSB 5149: Occupational Therapy

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as an occupational therapy practitioner without first having a valid license to do so. Declares that treatment by an occupational therapy practitioner of such a medical case may take place only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician assistant, psychologist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this state. **House 2nd Reading Suspension Calendar/Senate Rules.**

SHB 1218: Nurse Delegation of Tasks

Authorizes RNs to delegate nursing care tasks using their professional nursing judgment and standards of practice to registered or certified nursing assistants in community-based care settings. Provides authority to the Nursing Commission to develop protocols for implementing all nurse delegation through rulemaking. Allows RNs, on a case by case basis, to delegate tasks to nursing assistants in community-based care settings prior to the nursing assistant completing the nurse delegation core training. The RN is required to provide all necessary one-on-one training specific to that task and consumer and would assure that the nursing assistant received the core delegation training within the first 60 days of the delegation process. Lack of completion of core training in the first 60 days of the delegation process will result in immediately rescinding the delegation process. No extensions would be permitted. **House 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1251/SSB 5415: Boards, Commissions, and Programs

Allows the Secretary of Health to designate health care assistants and other health care providers to serve on ad hoc committees appointed by the Secretary to study specified topics. Removes the specific authority of the Secretary to appoint dietitians and nutritionists to serve on such committees. Eliminates the Health Professions Advisory Committee. **House Rules/Senate Rules.**

HB 1699: Dentist Continuing Education

Directs the Dental Quality Commission to establish continuing education requirements for dentists. **House Rules.**

HB 1711: Hospital Licensing Information

Declares that information received by DOH through filed reports or hospital inspections may be disclosed. Exceptions are licensing inspections or complaint investigations, which may be disclosed no sooner than 3 business days after the hospital has received the resulting assessment report. Information regarding administrative action against the licensee may be disclosed after the hospital has received the documents initiating the administrative action. Provides that DOH, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, and any other accrediting organization may review and audit the records of a quality improvement or peer review committee in connection with their inspection and review of hospitals. The information obtained will not be subject to the discovery process, and confidentiality shall be respected as required. Each hospital will produce and make accessible to DOH the appropriate records and otherwise facilitate the review and audit. **House Rules.**

SHB 1838: Impaired Dentist Account

Requires DOH to collect a small surcharge on dental professional licenses to establish the Impaired Dentist Account, for the voluntary treatment and rehabilitation of impaired dentists. **House Rules.**

SHB 1862: Health Professionals Licenses

Allows the disciplining authority to order restrictions on or the revocation of a health care professional's license to practice, after a finding or hearing that a license holder or applicant has committed unprofessional conduct or is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a physical or mental condition. **House Rules.**

HB 1863: Part-Time Health Commissions

Provides for compensation to part-time health commissions. **House Rules.**

SHB 1864: Surgical Technologists

Authorizes the registration of surgical technologists. **House Appropriations.**

SHB 1992: Epinephrine Administration

DOH in cooperation with the House Health Care Committee is required to review the use of epinephrine for anaphylaxis by EMTs and determine the number of incidents of anaphylaxis statewide, the training costs associated with establishing specialized training for EMTs to carry and administer epinephrine, and an assessment of the potential risks associated with the use of epinephrine. DOH is allowed to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of training EMTs to carry and administer epinephrine to persons under the age of 30. DOH is allowed to establish a volunteer advisory committee to assist with the development and review of the pilot program. **House Rules.**

HB 1994: Child Care Subsidy Rates

Sets child care rates at minimum at the 75th percentile of the most recent biennial rate survey, based on regional differences, the age of the child, and the type of care provided, as reflected in the rate survey. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5050: Intractable Pain Treatment.

Allows health professionals who have taken reasonable efforts to eliminate or alleviate pain to prescribe Schedule II-IV drugs for the treatment of intractable pain. Does not address treatment of conditions other than intractable pain with controlled substances included in Schedules II through V. Provides that the licensing entity for health professionals licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances, shall not take action against the health professional's license, if the health professional follows the accepted standard of care for treatment of intractable pain with controlled substances and the licensed health professional obtains informed consent. Declares that prescription of controlled substances included in Schedules II through V for intractable pain by a health professional licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances is not a criminal offense. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5114: Hospital Annual Inspections

Provides an exemption from annual inspections for hospitals accredited by the American Osteopathic Association similar to that offered to hospitals accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5149: Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are considered occupational therapy practitioners. Physicians, osteopathic physicians, podiatrists, surgeons, naturopaths, chiropractors, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, and advanced registered nurse practitioners can refer patients to occupational therapy practitioners. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5262: Sleep Monitoring

Declares the scope of practice for respiratory care practitioners does not prohibit any person from performing sleep monitoring tasks under the supervision or direction of a licensed health care provider. **House Health Care.**

SSB 5312: Health Care Workplace Violations

Requires that, by July 1, 2000, each health care setting shall develop and implement a plan to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence. Requires that, by July 1, 2001, and on a regular basis thereafter, each health care setting shall provide violence prevention training to all its employees. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5388: Dental Hygienists/Sealants

Allows a dental hygienist to apply for endorsement by DOH as a school sealant endorsed dental hygienist upon completion of the Washington State sealant guidelines and training. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5540: Hospital Licensing Information

Allows the release of hospital licensing, complaint, and administrative action information as allowed under public disclosure law. Establishes timeframes for disclosure of licensing inspections, complaint investigations and administrative actions to allow the hospital adequate time to receive materials prior to disclosure. Allows DOH, the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations or any other accrediting organization to review and audit peer review records created by a quality improvement committee. Protects peer review records from disclosure during the discovery process. Directs hospitals to produce and make accessible to the department appropriate records to facilitate the review/audit process. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5599: Temporary Worker Housing

Requires DOH to adopt joint rules for the licensing, operation, inspection, and enforcement of temporary worker housing. These rules must establish worker protection standards that are as effective, but do not exceed, the standards developed under WISHA. Decisions whether to extend a licensee's permit must be coordinated at the state and local level. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5604: Health Facility Worker Identification

Requires all persons providing health care services directly to patients at a health care facility to wear identification badges. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5630: Farm Worker Housing

Authorizes the Housing Finance Commission to provide a revenue source for farm worker housing through the auction sale of tax credits. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5648: Lodging Businesses

Provides consistency in definitions regarding businesses furnishing lodging; defines a hotel as a facility that furnishes three or more rooms for guest accommodation. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5657: Veterinary Medical Facilities

Allows animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies that employ veterinarians may own and operate veterinary medical facilities. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5669: Conversion Vending/Medical Units

Requires specific rules for the occupants of conversion vending units and medical units to protect the occupants from fire and other dangers. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5702: Physician's Assistants

Revises physician assistant licensing and practice requirements. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5739: Death Certificates

Allows physician's assistants or advanced registered nurses as persons to be presented certificates of death. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5768: Emergency Medical Services

Allows emergency medical technicians to administer epinephrine in limited circumstances. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5805: Nurse Practitioners Prescriptive Authority

Completes prescriptive authority for advanced registered nurse practitioners. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5877: Surgical Technologists

Provides for the registration of surgical technologists. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5917: Medical Quality Assurance Commission

Raises to \$250 the compensation per day for members of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5920: Midwives/Women's Health Care

Includes midwives in the definition of health care practitioners that provide women's health care services. **Senate Rules.**

Regulatory Reform

SHB 1893: Permit Issuance

Finds that environmental permit issuance can be streamlined by requiring local jurisdictions to coordinate their permit processes with those of the state government. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5148: Permit Assistance Center

The Permit Assistance Center is re-authorized and the sunset provisions are repealed. The center's reporting requirements are changed from annual to periodic. The requirements focus on making recommendations for streamlining and coordinating environmental permitting as well as on documenting the center's performance. The timing of negotiating for coordinated permitting services is modified. Cost recovery is authorized in which agencies may seek from the permit applicant the reimbursement of costs incurred in environmental review and permit processing. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5281: Permit Assistance Center

Restructures the Permit Assistance Center to provide a reliable and consolidated source of information concerning federal, state, tribal, and local environmental and land use laws and procedures that apply to any given proposal; provide information and assistance to individuals, businesses, and public agencies regarding environmental and land use laws as well as local, state, and federal permitting requirements; serve as a project facilitator to assist an applicant in identifying regulatory requirements, processes, and permits associated with a project proposal;

assist an applicant by developing a coordinated permit process for a project proposal; and assist the state to achieve its rural economic development goals by providing greater access to the center's services for individuals, businesses, and public agencies in rural counties and for businesses considering locating or expanding in rural counties. **Senate Ways & Means.**

State Government

SHB 1990: State Employee Background Check

Provides for criminal history background checks for potential state employees and contractors with potential unsupervised involvement with children or individuals with physical disabilities. **House Rules.**

SSB 6003: Liquor Control Board

Creates the Washington State Department of Liquor Control. Reorganizes the Liquor Control Board. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5066: Legislative Reporting Requirements

Establishes a procedure in which a state agency that has a legislatively mandated requirement to report to the Legislature or legislative committees regarding a specific matter and the agency either fails to report to the Legislature by the specified time or provides a report that is insufficiently responsive to the legislation requiring the report, the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, shall impose a \$100,000 penalty. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5363: Civil Service Reform

Directs the Personnel Resources Board to conduct a comprehensive review of all rules governing the classification, allocation, and reallocation of positions within the classified service. Goals are include developing a simplified classification system that will substantially reduce the number of job classifications in the classified service, developing a classification system to permit state agencies to respond flexibly to changing technologies, economic and social conditions, and the needs of its citizens, and to enhance mobility and career advancement opportunities, while limiting the number of managers in any state agency to 10%. Authorizes any department, agency, or institution of higher education to purchase services provided by employees in classified service under this chapter by contracting with individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or other entities, provided this does not lessen wages. Requires agencies that contract out to assist

displaced workers. Allows for collective bargaining reform without granting any employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his or her official duties. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5915: State Agency Reports

Various statutes are amended or repealed to eliminate reports to the Legislature that are no longer wanted or considered necessary. **Senate Rules.**

Tobacco

SHB 1531/ESB 5485: Tobacco Product Manufacturers

Places the financial burdens imposed by cigarette smoking on tobacco manufacturers rather than the state. Creates a reserve account for tobacco manufacturers not participating in the master tobacco settlement agreement. **House Rules/House Health Care.**

HB 2014: Tobacco Litigation Moneys

Creates the Tobacco Prevention and Control Account in the state treasury, with moneys transferred from the tobacco settlement account. DOH may spend funds in the account only for public health purposes relating to tobacco. **House Appropriations.**

SB 5881: Youth Access to Tobacco

Regulates youth access to tobacco products. Repeals the state's preemption of local tobacco control regulations. Requires cigarette's to be sold in packages of no smaller than twenty cigarettes. Prohibits tobacco manufacturers and wholesalers from paying fines for any retailer. **Senate Rules.**

HJM 4003: Tobacco Settlement

Requests amending the federal Medicaid statute to prohibit federal recoupment of state tobacco settlement recoveries. **Filed with Secretary of State.**

SSB 5359: Tobacco Litigation Monies

Directs that funds received by the state as a result of the settlement of the state's legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Account. Authorizes the state treasurer to transfer a total of \$100,000,000 from the tobacco settlement account, to the tobacco prevention and control account, upon authorization of the Director of Financial Management.

The director shall authorize transfer of the total amount no later than June 30, 2001. **House Appropriations.**

SB 5426: Tobacco Settlement/Tax Reduction

Reduces the state property tax equivalent to funds received under the state tobacco litigation settlement. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5516: Tobacco Prevention & Control

Requires the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to design and implement public health projects relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, counter-marketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, and research regarding tobacco-related illnesses. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SB 5897: Export Cigarette Sales

Requires that purchasers of cigarettes be informed of adverse health consequences and whether the cigarettes were manufactured for consumption within the United States. **Senate Rules.**

Welfare Reform

HB 2225: TANF Eligibility for Children

Provides that children with disabilities who are over 18 and under 21 years of age, and who are full-time students whose education is being provided for, are eligible to receive TANF benefits, when such exceptions will facilitate the children's ability to complete their education and increase their potential to achieve future self-sufficiency. **House Appropriations.**

HB 2226: TANF Eligibility for Children

Eliminates eligibility standards retained from the Aid to Dependent Children Program under the TANF program. **House Rules.**

SB 5063: TANF Recipients/Education

Pertains to adult recipients of temporary assistance for needy families enrolled in education programs. Requires DSHS, the Employment Security Department, and community and technical colleges work together more effectively to facilitate the successful completion of higher educational course work by recipients. Allows that when circumstances and educational progress of a recipient would reasonably lead to timely course completion and

employment, that the recipient's grant be maintained without sanction. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5155: TANF Workforce Development

Requires that recipients of temporary assistance for needy families shall be given a priority for work force development system programs and courses. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5163: WorkFirst Participation

Modifies good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5299: TANF Residency Requirement

Eliminates the requirement for TANF recipients to reside in Washington for a period of one year before receiving TANF benefits equal to other Washingtonians. **Senate Rules.**

ESB 5490: TANF Employment Assessments

Requires DSHS to screen TANF applicants for learning disabilities, in order to customize and make meaningful their individual responsibility plans, refer them to treatment as appropriate, or exempt them from work activity requirements, benefit time limits, or other requirements of Title 74 RCW. **House Children & Family Services.**

SB 5522: TANF Work Activity

Requirements to assess WorkFirst recipients are placed at the beginning of the recipient's participation in the WorkFirst program. The initial assessment includes screening for barriers to self-sufficiency, including homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence victimization, limited English proficiency and illiteracy. The Individual Responsibility Plan recommends that adult recipients assure that their school-age children attend school, and requires that recipients document immunization of their children. **Senate Ways & Means.**

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